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JUAN GONZÁLEZ: We turn now to Wednesday's decisive vote by Congress to allow Americans to sue Saudi Arabia over the 9/11 attacks, overriding President Obama's veto of the bill. It's the first time during Obama's presidency that his veto has been overridden by Congress. The Senate rejected the veto 97 to 1, while the House rejected it 348 to 77. This means the, quote, Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act now becomes law. This legislation would allow courts to waive claim of foreign sovereignty immunity after an act of terrorism occurs within U.S. borders. The bill had passed both the House and the Senate earlier this year, but President Obama had vetoed it earlier this month. This is the president speaking to CNN on Wednesday.

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA: What this legislation did was it said if a private citizen believes that, having been victimized by terrorism, that another country didn't do enough to stop one of its citizens, for example, in engaging in terrorism, then they can file a personal lawsuit, a private lawsuit in court. And the problem with that is that if we eliminate this notion of sovereign immunity, then our men and women in uniform around the world could

potentially start seeing ourselves subject to reciprocal laws. And the concern that I've had has nothing to do with Saudi Arabia *per se* or my sympathy for 9/11 families; it has to do with me not wanting a situation in which we're suddenly exposed to liabilities for all the work that we're doing all around the world.

AMY GOODMAN: In July, the Obama administration declassified 28 pages from the September 11 report detailing possible ties between the Saudi government and the 9/11 attacks. The declassified documents raise new questions about the role of a Saudi consular official based in the Los Angeles area. He personally helped two of the hijackers after they arrived in Los Angeles in early 2000. Fifteen of the 19 9/11 hijackers were from Saudi Arabia.

The Saudi government financed an extensive lobbying campaign against the legislation but stopped short of threatening any retaliation if the law was passed. There was no official reaction from Saudi Arabia after the votes.

The override of President Obama's veto comes as the Senate last week rejected a proposal to block the U.S. from supplying the kingdom with more than a billion dollars' worth of tanks and other military hardware. Critics of the weapons deal say it could drag the U.S. into the Saudi-led war in Yemen and contribute to the humanitarian crisis there.

For more, we're joined by Medea Benjamin, co-founder of CodePink. Her most recent book, *Kingdom of the Unjust: Behind the U.S.-Saudi Connection*.

Medea, if you can talk about the significance of this first-ever override of an Obama veto and what this means for Saudi Arabia?

MEDEA BENJAMIN: I think the significance is that, finally, we have an example of the U.S. Congress putting the U.S. citizens above the relationship with the Saudi government. And this is significant because, year after year after year, Congress has done nothing to stop arming to the teeth the Saudi government—$115 billion worth of weapon sales under Obama alone—a government that treats its own citizens with tremendous repression, beheads peaceful dissidents, treats women as minors their entire lives, has millions of foreign workers who are treated like indentured servants, and spreads this intolerant, distorted version of Wahhabism around the world. And the U.S. is not only arming the Saudi government, but is directly

involved with the Saudis in the devastating war that's going on in Yemen. So this sort of opens this issue up to much larger questions.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: Medea, but what about the president's argument on this issue of the impact in a broader sense to the United States, and also the talk now in the House and the Senate about revisiting this legislation with some carve-outs or some changes to it later?

MEDEA BENJAMIN: Well, actually, this legislation is quite narrowly written, and people don't think that it will allow the payment of compensation, and the executive branch could stop the courts at any point. So, I think this question, though, about whether it would open up U.S. officials overseas to lawsuits, I actually think that could be a positive thing. For example, if the families of victims of drone attacks, innocent families, were able to take the U.S. to court instead of seeing joining ISIS or al-Qaeda as their only resort, that would be a very positive thing.

JUAN GONZÁLEZ: And, Medea, do you see any prospects of the Senate and the House revisiting this legislation?

MEDEA BENJAMIN: They certainly might revisit the legislation. They might make it even more narrow. But I think we should just look at the larger picture of what has happened since the Iran nuclear deal, since the reasoning, questioning of the Saudi weapons deals. And I think that we should start looking at all the areas that the Saudis have been using to buy consent in the U.S., giving large donations to Ivy League colleges, to think tanks, to the Clinton Foundation, to the John McCain foundation, paying eight different groups in Washington, D.C., as lobbyists—for example, Tony Podesta, the brother of John Podesta, who runs the—Clinton's presidential campaign, receiving $140,000 a month from the Saudis. All of these things should come out now as we question the U.S. relationship with the Saudi government.

AMY GOODMAN: And what do you most want to find out, information coming out in lawsuits of the 9/11 families, about Saudia Arabia's role, Medea?

MEDEA BENJAMIN: Well, there are, supposedly, 80,000 pages of documentation about relationships between the hijackers that we know nothing about, particularly those that live in Florida, in New Jersey, in Virginia. This has all been hidden from the public. And through the

courts is the only way to get some of this information out. So I think it's like ripping the band-aid off. Let's see what's underneath that. And then this really allows us to start the much broader issue of questioning.

And the fact that you just had on Bill McKibben talking about the devastating impact of the fossil fuel industry, let's also connect that to Saudi Arabia, where the basis of our relationship has been, for decades, around oil, and now includes the Saudis propping up the military-industrial complex, being the, by far, largest purchasers of U.S. weapons.

AMY GOODMAN: Medea Benjamin, we want to thank you for being with us, co-founder of CodePink, author of *Kingdom of the Unjust: Behind the U.S.-Saudi Connection*.

The first lawsuit has been filed against Saudi Arabia for allegedly providing material support to Osama bin Laden and his team of terrorist hijackers prior to the 9/11 attacks. The filing comes days after Congress passed a law that allows US citizens to sue terror-supporting states.

Stephanie Ross DeSimone was pregnant with Navy Commander Patrick Dunn's daughter when he was killed by American Airlines Flight 77, which was deliberately steered into the Pentagon building on the morning of September 11, 2001.

Navy Commander Patrick Dunn © Stephanie Ross DeSimone / Facebook

The hijackers at the wheel of that plane were Saudi nationals, as were 15 of the 19 who took control of the four planes, the crashing of which resulted in the deaths of almost 3,000 people in what remains the worst-ever terrorist attack on US soil.

Stephanie Ross DeSimone. who is suing Saudi Arabia for her husband's death © Stephanie Ross DeSimone / Facebook

DeSimone is suing Saudi Arabia for wrongful death and intentional infliction of emotional distress, on behalf of herself and her now-teenaged child through a DC district court.

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While DeSimone's is nominally the first lawsuit filed, James Kreindler, a New York attorney who represents hundreds of victims' families, which have attempted to gain compensation from Riyadh for over a decade, told the Wall Street Journal that his firm would also submit similar documents to a New York-based federal court by Monday at the latest.

The legal process has been made possible by a highly-controversial bill passed by both houses of Congress earlier this week.

The Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA) originally submitted in 2009, before being reintroduced last year, allows US citizens to sue not only states that are officially considered by the State Department to be State Sponsors of Terrorism – currently Sudan, Syria and Iran – but any government adjudged to have aided an attack, even if the country is an ally or an economic partner of the US.

Barack Obama vehemently opposed the bill, but his veto was overwhelmingly overruled in both chambers, thanks to a bipartisan effort from lawmakers – marking the first time in 12 occasions the current US President has had a veto overridden by Congress.

JASTA impinges on the long-standing principle of sovereign immunity, where states are protected from individual lawsuits in US courts. President Obama warned that the legislation could leave the United States vulnerable to retaliatory measures from countries all over the world, and accused Congress of pandering to popular opinion ahead of an election. Critics predict that JASTA could result in Washington having to defend itself from hundreds of lawsuits for controversial practices such as drone strikes all over world, to endangerment of US personnel and companies working abroad, and the worsening of ties with potential allies, which will now be subject to vagaries of legal systems all over the globe.

Saudi Arabia itself immediately expressed *"great concern"* about the bill and warned of *"serious unintended consequences."* Indeed, Senate leader majority leader Mitch McConnell himself admitted on Thursday that "*nobody had really focused on the potential downside in terms of our international relationships, and I think it was just a ball dropped,"* and Congress has now said it could still dilute the contents of the bill, or restrict its scope.

Whether DeSimone and other victim families are likely to be successful is also not clear cut. A 2004 US report on the attacks *"found no evidence that the Saudi government, as an institution, or senior officials within the Saudi government funded Al-Qaeda."* But classified US documents opened to public scrutiny this summer showed that *"while in the United States, some of the 9/11 hijackers were in contact with, and received support or assistance from, individuals who may be connected to the Saudi government."* Even if top Saudi officials are implicated, it is also uncertain by what means Riyadh can be made to pay any damages.

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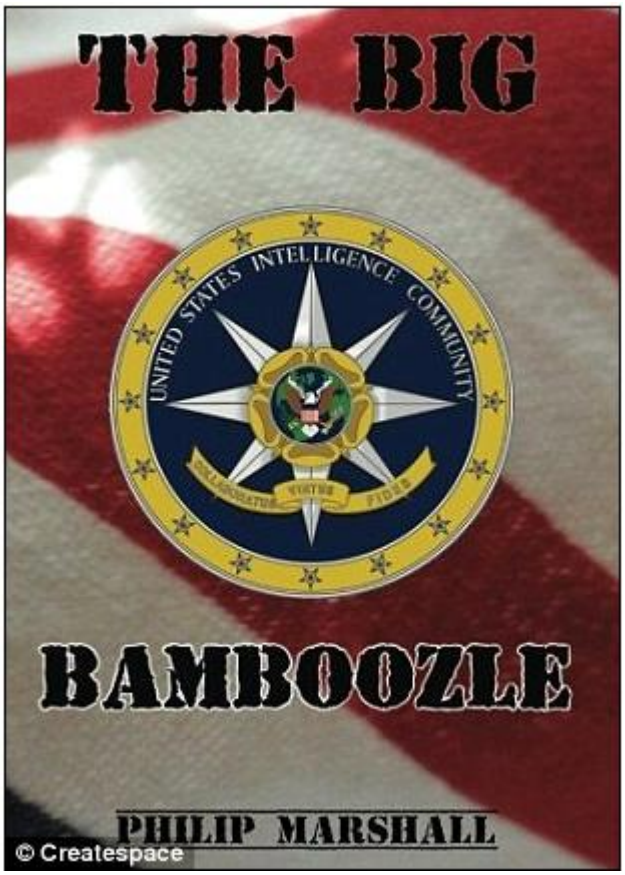

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The three conspirators—**American neocons, Saudi Arabia, and Israel**—that successfully pulled off the crime of the 21st century, namely the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States, **are infighting to the point that the layers of secrecy surrounding the 9/11 attacks are beginning to wither away**.

The weakest link in the troika of conspirators is Saudi Arabia, **the country that provided the manpower, finances, and hijacker personnel for the cover story—"Al Qaeda did it"—for 9/11**. Stung by U.S. congressional moves to allow families of 9/11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia and calls for the Obama administration to release 28 classified pages in the joint Congressional Inquiry on 9/11 intelligence failures to the public, the Saudi government is now pushing the story

that the U.S. government was responsible for carrying out the 9/11 attack.

A Saudi legal scholar, Katib al Shammari, writing in the London-based "*Al Hayat*" newspaper and believed to be representing the view of the Saudi government, stated: "September 11 is one of winning cards in the American archives, because all the wise people in the world who are experts on American policy and who analyze the images and the videos agree unanimously that what happened in the Towers was a purely American action, planned and carried out within the U.S. Proof of this is the sequence of continuous explosions that dramatically ripped through both buildings . . . Expert structural engineers demolished them with explosives, while the planes crashing only gave the green light for the detonation—they were not the reason for the collapse. But the U.S. still spreads blame in all directions. This can be dubbed 'victory by means of archives.'"

Alarmed by the willingness of its regional ally Saudi Arabia to question the official version of 9/11, **Israel weighed in with New York Democratic Senator Charles Schumer to place a "poison pill" in the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism (JASTA) bill that cleared the Senate in a unanimous vote**. The bill would allow the families of the victims of foreign government-sponsored terrorism to sue the governments involved for damages. The law, which President Obama indicated he would veto, would lift "sovereign immunity" on countries like Saudi Arabia, thus making them liable for civil law suits. **Schumer placed an amendment inside the JASTA bill that would allow Saudi Arabia to avoid law suits so long as the U.S. State and Justice Departments certified to the trial judge hearing any JASTA case that the two departments were making good faith efforts with the defendant country to resolve any issues bilaterally**. Schumer's amendment—the Stay of Actions Pending State Negotiations—would also allow the State and Justice Departments to seek from the court continual 180-day stays, thus killing any lawsuits indefinitely.

Israel is also concerned that it, too, could face lawsuits under the provisions of JASTA. WMR has previously reported that some of the footnotes in the classified 28 pages provide links that lead to Israeli involvement in 9/11. It is noteworthy that the Saudis are blaming the George W. Bush administration for carrying out 9/11 and are **leaving Israel out of the equation**. Schumer's actions on behalf of the Saudis are a clear indication that **the Saudi-Israeli alliance remains intact**.

Coupled with House Speaker Paul Ryan's decision, **after his recent trip to Saudi Arabia**, to not allow JASTA to come before a full House vote and Obama's promise to veto the bill, **it is all but dead**. Meanwhile, Congress has been inundated with Saudi lobbyists who now appear to have been successful in killing off JASTA. However, the damage to the troika of conspirators may have already been done.

Lets start off Sept 11th 2001 Terrorist Attacks in New York, USA was "A False Flag Terrorist Attack" upon United States of America, concocted by a handful of Israelis and dual passport Americans and carried out by the resources of the Mossad.

With Vice President Dick Cheney transferring all operational powers over the Police, FBI, CIA, NSA, Secret Service, FEMA, US Military over to himself for the day, and ran Anti - Terrorism Drills / Exercises with the US Military as cover for this "False Flag" Terrorist Attack to go ahead.

By Dick Cheney running these drills – exercises at the same time as the real suppose to be Terrorist Attack happening he tied up America's resources from fighting back.

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A Saudi government-linked legal scholar is now on record that 9/11 was an "inside job." **Schumer, a virtual agent for the government of Israel, has killed JASTA to protect two of the conspirators—Israel and Saudi Arabia**. That leaves only the U.S. neoconservatives who were involved in facilitating 9/11 without protection. And with Donald Trump already giving muted signals that 9/11 was an inside job, the neocons have only Hillary Clinton to provide them protection. If Trump wins the White House, the neocons will be left as the exposed third leg of the 9/11 troika.

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Missing Gold

Precious Metals in WTC 4 Vault: Only a Fraction Recovered?

The basement of 4 World Trade Center housed vaults used to store gold and silver bullion. Published articles about precious metals recovered from the World Trade Center ruins in the aftermath of the attack mention less than $300 million worth of gold. All such reports appear to refer to a removal operation conducted in late October of 2001. On Nov. 1, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani announced that "more than $230 million" worth of gold and silver bars that had been stored in a bomb-proof vault had been recovered. A *New York Times* article contained:

This image is found on the *PBS.org* website companion for the television documentary *America Rebuilds* under the section *Uncovering Property*. The page, entitled *A Treasure in Silver and Gold*, describes the vault as two levels of 3,000 square feet each. See the source for the full-sized image. The page credits images to Leslie E. Robertson and Associates.

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An article in the *TimesOnline* gives the following rundown of precious metals that were being stored in the WTC vault belonging to Comex. [3]

- Comex metals trading - 3,800 gold bars weighing 12 tonnes and worth more than $100 million
- Comex clients - 800,000 ounces of gold with a value of about $220 million
- Comex clients - 102 million ounces of silver, worth $430 million
- Bank of Nova Scotia - $200 million of gold

The *TimesOnline* article is not clear as to whether the $200 million in gold reported by the Bank of Nova Scotia was part of the $220 million in gold held by Comex for clients. If so, the total is $750 million; otherwise $950 million.

There appear to be no reports of precious metals discovered between November of 2001 and the completion of excavation several months later. Assuming that the above reports described the

value of precious metals in the vaults before the attack, and that the $230 million mentioned by Giuliani represented the approxmiate value of metals recovered, it would seem that at least the better part of a billion dollars worth of precious metals went missing. (It is not plausible, of course, that whatever destroyed the towers vaporized gold and silver, which are dense, inert metals that are extremely unlikely to participate in chemical reactions with other materials.)

An article in *The Sierra Times* suggests that gold was recovered from two trucks in a tunnel under 5 World Trade Center, giving rise to suspicions that the trucks were being used to remove the gold from the vaults before the South Tower fell. [4] However, this report may have been based on an erroneous reading of other reports that describe the removal of crushed vehicles from a tunnel under 5 WTC in order to gain access to the vaults under 4 WTC to remove their contents. [5]

Why is there this huge discrepancy between the value of gold and silver reported recovered, and the value reported to have been stored in the vaults? There are a number of possible explanations, from outright theft using the attack as cover, to insurance fraud. Until there is a genuine investigation that probes all the relevant facts and circumstances surrounding the attack, we can only speculate.

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